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Bulgarian Unrest

Recent events in Poland and Czechoslovakia have triggered unrest among Bulgarian students and some have distributed protest leaflets in Sofia and other Bulgarian cities

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The leaflets, distributed in Pernik, Sofia and three other cities, were alike in content and appeared to have been prepared by a "specific group." Linking the popular discontent over the January price hikes with the interest in what is happening in Czechoslovakia and Poland, the leaflets questioned the necessity of consumer price increases and the establishment of "new detention camps." More significantly, the leaflets asked, "Why doesn't Bulgaria follow the example of Poland and Czechoslovakia and how long will it stand the present situation?"

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Date Set For Dubcek's Hungarian Visit

Dubcek and an official delegation will go to Hungary on 13 June for the signing of the renewed treaty of friendship and mutual assistance, according to the Czechoslovak Ambassador in Budapest. The text of the treaty will be closely watched in order to get a clue about Czechoslovak and Hungarian intentions vis-a-vis West Germany. Some Eastern European states, such as East Germany and Poland, have insisted on

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continuing calumination of the FRG in the texts of their various friendship treaties, which are being renewed as they expire.

Czechoslovak Rehabilitations with Anti-Soviet Overtones

Vladimir Clementis, former deputy foreign minister who was executed in the Soviet-inspired purges of the 1950's, was posthumously made a "Hero of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic" on 28 May. Clementis' widow received the award from President Ludvik Svoboda. This is the third such recognition of purgees by Svoboda in recent weeks, and will do little to allay Moscow's suspicions that Czechoslovakia's nationalism is intensifying.

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Indian President to Visit Hungary and Yugoslavia

India's President Husain is expected to visit Hungary beginning on 6 June. From there he will travel to Yugoslavia a week later. His scheduled visit to France has been postponed. Husain is returning the visits of the Hungarian and Yugoslav Presidents last year, and in Hungary at least, nothing much beyond ceremony is likely to take place.

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Problem-Fraught Youth Festival

The Ninth World Youth Festival scheduled to open in Sofia on 28 July apparently has not aroused much enthusiasm within Eastern European youth groups, but may be a cause for concern within the various leaderships.

Rumania and Yugoslavia appear anxious to reduce their participation and share of Festival expenses [redacted]

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[redacted] Polish and Czechoslovak youth groups submitted documents in early May to the IPC (International Preparatory Committee) declaring World Youth Festivals obsolete forms of political initiative which should be replaced by a less costly and more efficient program.

The Sofia Festival comes at a time of considerable restiveness and ferment in Eastern Europe and could incur ideological as well as financial costs for the Communist regimes. The influence of the non-Communist visitors upon Eastern Europe's sheltered young people at a time when they are groping for new forms of political expression and criticizing oppressive measures in their own countries could be significant. At this point even the bringing together of Czechoslovak youth with their Eastern European contemporaries is enough to cause some anxieties within the incumbent bloc regimes.

Meanwhile, conflicts of national interest threaten to disrupt the Festival. Moroccan and Tunisian representatives announced at a 10-12 May organizational meeting in Warsaw that their delegations would walk out if any Israelis attended the Festival. Cuba is still burning because Havana was not selected as the Festival site and reportedly is planning a "Harvest Festival" in the summer of 1968 to conflict with the Sofia fete. The Bulgarian hosts gained one reprieve, however, when the Chinese informed the IPC that they will not send a delegation to the Festival. [redacted]

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## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 1968

[REDACTED]

2 Rumania : Party and state chief Ceausescu concludes visit to Yugoslavia. [REDACTED] 25X1

4 Czechoslovakia : Josef Smrkovsky to head parliamentary delegation to USSR. [REDACTED] 25X1

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4 Rumania : Congolese President Massamba-Debat starts official visit to Rumania. [REDACTED] 25X1

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6 Hungary : President of India to Hungary [REDACTED] 25X1

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10 Yugoslavia : Indian President Zahir Hussain to Yugoslavia 10-15 June. [REDACTED] 25X1

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13 Czechoslovakia : Dubcek to Budapest [REDACTED] 25X1

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13-15 East Germany : Peasants' Congress in Leipzig. [REDACTED] 25X1

15 Rumania : Deputy Premier Birladeanu starts visit to US. [REDACTED] 25X1

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20-29	Rumania	: Rumanian Orthodox Patriarch Justinian to visit Cardinal Koenig in Vienna. [ ]	25X1
24	Yugoslavia	: Yugoslavia Defense Minister Ljubicic to Austria, 24-30 June. [ ]	25X1
26	Yugoslavia	: 6th Congress, Confederation of Trade Unions of Yugoslavia. [ ]	25X1
30	East Germany	: Walter Ulbricht's 75th Birthday. [ ]	25X1
No date	Poland	: Polish party central committee plenum. [ ]	25X1
No date	Hungary	: De Gaulle's visit to Hungary probably will be postponed in light of recent events. [ ]	25X1
No date	Yugoslavia	: Congress, League of Communists of the Kosmet. [ ]	25X1